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*Stated Meeting, September 15, 1846.*

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

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Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences of Boston. Vols. 1, 3, and Part 1, vol. 4, old series, and vols. 1 and 2, new series. 4to. From the Academy.

The Catalogue of Stars, by the British Association for the advancement of Science; containing the mean right ascensions, and north polar distances, of 8377 fixed stars, reduced to January 1, 1850; &c., &c. London, 1845. 4to. From the British Association.

American Journal of Science and Arts. New series, vol. 2, No. 5, September, 1846. From the editors.

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Letters were read :

From the Corresponding Secretary of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences of Boston, Dated August 26, 1846, acknowledging the receipt of the volumes of the Proceedings and Journal, authorized by a late resolution of the Academy, to be presented to that Institution.

From Mr. John H. Redfield, dated New York, September 11, 1846, and from Major Joseph Delafield, of same date, severally acknowledging the receipt of their notices of election as correspondents.

From Dr. Z. Pitcher, of Detroit, dated September 3, 1846, addressed to Dr. Morton, proposing to exchange duplicate Bird skins, collected by the late Mr. Douglas Houghton. Referred to the Zoological Committee.

Dr. Joseph Leidy read a paper 'On the mechanism which closes the membranous wings of the genus *Locusta*,' which was referred to Mr. Haldeman, Dr. Hallowell, and Dr. Bridges.